

The Indictment of the Rich

James 5:1-6

Although this is addressed to the Unsaved Rich, there are some significant lessons that it should teach all believers – especially those who live in a land of wealth and have a taste of wealth.

- [1] Be Mindful/Careful – You can be affected/influenced by these traits
 - ✚ {1} Don't Be Drawn to Riches
 - ✚ {2} Don't Place Your Confidence in Riches
 - ✚ {3} Don't Be Caught Up in a Luxurious Life-Style
 - ✚ {4} Don't Be Self-Indulgent
 - ✚ {5} Don't Use/Abuse Others to Get Ahead
- [2] Be Assured – God is watching out for you – 5:4
- [3] Be Consistently Righteous – 5:6

1A. The Warning to the Rich – 5:1

1B. What They Should be Doing – 5:1a-b

1C. Weep – 5:1a

2C. Howl – 5:1b

2B. Why They Should Be Doing This – 5:1c

“Your miseries are coming upon you”

2A. The Assessment of the Rich – 5:2-3a

There are 3 perfect tenses here – the main verbs are all perfect

1B. Your Riches Stand Rotted – 5:2a

2B. Your Garments Stand Moth-Eaten – 5:2b

3B. Your Gold & Silver Stand Rusted – 5:3a

3A. The Impending Judgment of the Rich – 5:3b

1B. “Their rust/decay will be a witness against you”

2B. It “will consume your flesh like fire”

3B. “It is in the last days that you have stored up your treasure”

4A. The Condemnatory Action of the Rich – 5:4-6

1B. Their Failure to Pay Others Their Due – 5:4

2B. Their Opulent Life-Style – 5:5

3B. Their Opposition to the Righteous – 5:6 (see 2:6)